

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 18, 2023

PRESENT: Directors Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Directors Marc Liechti & Director Roxanne Wadman

Director Cordell called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Jennifer Tipton

Jennifer stated that she will just be sitting in on the meeting and did not have any formal speaking points.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the March 21, 2023, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for March were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for March 2023 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for March 2023 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treatment Site Discussion: General Manager Olson stated that Brad with Water & Environmental Technologies has completed the groundwater study. Brad needed three quarters worth of data to complete the study. General Manager Olson informed the Board that he had a call with Brad from W.E.T as well as the Districts engineer to review the test results. Brad stated that the report shows favorable flow direction, absorption rates, and soil makeup. Five wells were drilled at various points of the Districts property. Groundwater and surface water were monitored when Flathead lake was at its lowest level, as well as at its highest level and points in between to provide an accurate flow direction. General Manager Olson, Brad and the Districts engineer will have a meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality on Monday, April 24th, 2023, about the findings based on W.E.T 's report to see what the next steps are that need to be taken before the report is officially submitted to the DEQ.

Jennifer Tipton did ask during this discussion if the District would be testing for PFAS. General Manager Olson explained that until the EPA comes up with law and processes for that, there will be no testing. He also stated that there is no formal test for that at this time. Director Fleming asked Jennifer if she felt that her family was experiencing any know health problems directly tied to our current processes. She stated no, but that her concern was about the future.

Bid Package-New well: General Manager Olson informed the Board of the timeframe for the bidding process for the new well.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Audit: General Manager Olson informed the Board that due to unforeseen circumstances; the Districts auditor has fallen behind the traditional timeline to complete the Districts audit by the required due date. General Manager Olson presented the Board with the options that are available to the District. The first option available is to file an extension, the second option is to request a bi-annual audit with Flathead County, and the third option would be to hire a new auditor. Pros and cons of each option were discussed. The Board unanimously decided to request a bi-annual audit with Flathead County. The District will await a decision from the County. General Manager Olson will update the Board with the County's decision at the May Board meeting.

Marco View Development: General Manager Olson presented the Board with a proposed subdivision that is requesting a will serve letter from the District. General Manager Olson provided the Board with the history of a current developer agreement that is in place for the proposed area. Director Heim moved to approve the request for a will serve letter. Director Fleming seconded, and the motion carried with unanimous approval.

Tamarack Brew Pub: General Manager Olson provided the Board with a handout of the Districts Rules and Regulations, Sections 2-7 prior to discussion. He then explained the results of the samplings that were performed on the sewer flow in various portions of the system to the Board. He pointed out that there has been a significant increase in flows over the years from the Tamarack Brew Pub's beer processing, resulting in extremely high dissolved oxygen (DO) content & Total Suspended Solids (TSS) from their effluent. He explained how that could negatively affect the newly proposed treatment processes. General Manager Olson and the Board discussed various treatment options and it was decided that General Manager Olson will have a discussion with the owner of the Tamarac Brew Pub and come up with a sustainable solution that will work for both the District and the Tamarack Brew Pub to accommodate future growth for both parties. General Manager Olson will keep the Board informed of discussions as they are had over the coming months.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, May 16, 2023)